

# EXERCISE IN NATIONAL BUDGETING PRIORITIES (XNBP)

## *EXERCISE SUMMARY:*

The XNBP is an unclassified, stand-alone, computerized executive planning exercise addressing national budget priorities as impacted by presidential and cabinet-level decisions. This strategic-level exercise utilizes the “Bottom Line” model, which analyzes presidential, economic, political and military budget decisions and their impact on the state of the nation. It does this by combining the allocations of 17 key areas of a proposed budget with accepted economic analytical tools such as the Phillip’s Curve and Okun’s Law. The “Resulting Model” projects the effect of a presidential administration’s policies upon the state of the nation. Its product, a Projected State of the Nation Report, is a compilation of social and economic indices including voter support, unemployment, gross national product, war risk and inflation. The XNBP stimulates participants to actively test their understanding of budgetary and economic relationships in a realistic and enjoyable environment. It reinforces the relationships between foreign and domestic policy decisions and how allocation of scarce resources to support those decisions affects the state of the nation.



## *OBJECTIVES/PURPOSE:*

The XNBP aids a player’s understanding and appreciation for:

- a. The executive-level budgetary decision-making process.
- b. The relationships involved in the allocation of limited national resources and the subsequent impact on the state of the nation.
- c. The impact of budgetary policy upon foreign relations.
- d. The President’s Council of Economic Advisors.
- e. Competition for national resources inherent in the functional organization of the Cabinet and the requirement for an objective executive staff agency, such as the Office for Management and Budget, to advise the President.
- f. Strengths and weaknesses of computer simulations in the analysis of policy alternatives.

*GENERAL INFORMATION:*

- a. Exercise Sponsor: Air University College for Professional Development (CPD) Professional Military Comptroller School (PMCS), CPD/FM, Maxwell AFB AL.
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- d. Participants: Professional Military Comptroller School (PMCS) students.
- e. Frequency and duration: XNBP is conducted in conjunction with each Professional Military Comptroller School class.
- f. Exercise Location: Air Force Wargaming Institute, Bldg 1406 or College for Professional Development, Bldg 1404, Maxwell AFB AL.

*EXERCISE EXECUTION:*

The “Bottom Line” model resides on one compact disk and can be executed on any portable computer. The XNBP is conducted as an independent three-hour game with each PMCS seminar acting as a team. The game represents a four-year presidential term, with participants making four moves in the form of constructing four annual budgets.

*EXERCISE DATES:*

The XNBP exercise is held in conjunction with the CPD PMCS Course (Nov, Feb, May, Jul and Sep).